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我國人、爲我國最旱何事を爲。此二つ以上ノ記事ヲ發教所
ノ自國人本利陷ノトモトカロ。上記意之三事ノ合ア上大統領が言。

勿論其方面、兵員、家族等ハ非常ニ憂慮心又彼自身を
儀ナ家族殊^ニ NEW MEXICO 及^ニ ILLINOIS 久^ニ不^ニ歸^ニ。又^ニ州防衛軍
全部^ニ PHILIPPINES^ニ 出征^ニ。其^ニ地城、人々、家族^ニ深
同情^スト彼^ハ加^ク。

日本側^ハ東京^ノ爆撃^ノ參加^ス行^ス士、幾人^カヲ捕^ハ死刑
ニシテ當時^ニ件^ニ關^ス責任ア日本人將校又^ニ官吏^ハ彼^等
等、所^ハ就^ハ最重^ニ其^ニ責^ムヲ問^ハベシ上大統領^ハ言^ハシ
ト^ハ道^ニテイ^ハアラ^ハト記憶^ヲ問^ハシ^ク同様^ハ政策^ハ
PHILIPPINES^ニ於^ニ殊^ニ虐行^ハ爲^フ矣^トアリカ人^ハ場合^ニ毛^道
用^ハシ^クテア^ハカ^ハ。

之^ニ答^ハテ^フイリ^ハニ^ニ於^ニ殊^ニ虐行^ハ爲^フ東京^ノ爆撃^ノ
罪行^スナ^ハテ^ク殊^ニ虐行^ハ對^シ依然^ニ方針^ハ採^ハシテ化
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along the high road to admiralty. In case he does some day become an admiral, no one would be happier than the soldiers who come from Kumamoto Prefecture, a prefecture which has produced no admiral so far. That is to say, being a son-in-law of Lt. General TSUKUSHI, Kumashichi, who comes from Kumamoto, he will reflect credit upon Kumamoto Prefecture, if he becomes an admiral, in spite of the collateral family relation. Apart from this, he is now in charge of the most brilliant part of the Navy. Furthermore, it is expected that his appearance will strengthen the surveillance over the Chiang Kai-shek Regime from the sea.

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相當ナモノ ソノ二十五

及川古志郎大將二代ツテ新タニ支那方面艦隊司令長官ニ補セラレタ島田繁太郎中將ハ軍令部畑ニ育ツテ實戰部隊ノ第一線ニ進出シタ猛者アル。

第一次上海事變ノ際ニハ智將野村吉三郎ノ麾下ニ第三艦隊ノ參謀長テアツタシ、マタ於メテ荒鷦部隊ガ渡洋空襲ヲ敢行スルヤ軍令部次長トシテ畏クモ元帥ノ官殿下ヲ補佐シ奉ツタ彼アル。

非常時來ト共ニ軍令部カラ出テ第二艦隊司令長官トナリ、ワガ快速艦隊ヲ率ヒテ懸命ナ猛訓練ニ身心ヲ砥礪スルコト二年有半、今ヤ海上第一線ノ最高指揮官ニマテ華ヤカナ進出ヲ遂ゲタモノアル。蓋シ武人トシテ相當ナモノタル彼ニトツテハ當然テアラウ。彼ハ明治十六年生レノ五十八歳。生粹ノ江戸ツ兒テアル。明治三十七年海軍兵學校ヲ卒業シテ少尉トナリ、昭和九年中將ニ進、ソノ間海軍大學校ヲ經テ伊太利大使館附武官、練習艦隊參謀、軍令部參謀海軍大學校教官、第七潛水隊司令、軍令部出仕、多摩、比叡各艦長、第二艦隊參謀長、第一聯合艦隊參謀長、海軍潛水學校長、第三艦隊參謀長、軍令部第一部長

兼海軍技術會議員、軍令部次長等ニ歴補シ昭和十二年十二月第二艦隊司令長官ニ補セラレテ今日ニ至ツタ。

彼ハ謹嚴ニシテ重厚、俊敏ニシテ果斷、帷幕カラ出タル實戰ノ猛省トシテ知ラレテキル。彼ノ經路ハ武人トシテ極メテ順調ナコトヲ造ンダモノテ、武運ニ恵マレテキルト言ヘヤウ。カクシテ彼ハ疑ヒモテク大將街道ノ闊歩省ダガ、他日彼ガ大將トモナレバ、誰ヨリモ喜ブモノハ海軍大將ヲ出シテキナイ熊本縣出身ノ軍人テアラウ。ト言フ譯ハ、彼ハ熊本出身ノ陸軍中將筑紫熊七ノ女婿テアツテ、彼ガ大將トナレバ傍系ナガラ熊本ノタメニ氣ヲ吐クワケダカラテアル。トモアレ、彼ハ今ヤ海軍ニ於ケル最モ華ヤカナル。海カラノ睨ミヲ一層強化スルモノトシテ期待サレル。

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